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Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, SC 29211

Birch Communications and Covista Application for Approval to

Transfer Assets

Docket No. 2012-417-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On December 11, 2012, Birch Communications, Inc. ("Birch") and Covista, Inc. ("Covista") (collectively, "Applicants") filed an application with Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") for approval of the transfer of the assets and customers of Covista to Birch (the "Transaction"). The Commission approved the Transaction on February 13, 2013. The Applicants hereby notify the Commission that the Transaction was consummated on March 25, 2013.

As stated in the application, Covista will make a subsequent filing to cancel Covista's authorization to provide telecommunications services in South Carolina and any currently effective tariffs it may have on file. The contact person for any future correspondence with Covista is Ron Kuzon, who can be reached at rkuzon@hotmail.com or 914-414-6692, or c/o Douglas D. Orvis, Bingham McCutchen, 2020 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please have someone on your staff contact me.

Very truly yours,

ROBINSON, McFadden & Moore, P.C.

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